



# QUARTERLY NEWS

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 2

The Office of Mayor and all but one council seat are up for election on November 2, in the City of Corunna. David Dumond, first ward Councilperson, has the only council seat not being voted on this year.

The large number of open council seats for this election is due to the resignation of four elected council members during the past two years. These positions were filled by appointees, but, according to the Corunna City Charter, a person must be voted into the vacated seat in the next scheduled city election. The Office of Mayor is voted on every two years.

Seeking the office of Mayor are incumbent Avery Weaver, 418 W. State St., and challenger Dr. James M. Billis, 740 Riverwalk Circle, #4A.

Weaver was elected to the office, in 1997, as a write-in candidate. He is employed at Emery-Pratt in Owosso and is a member of the Corunna Downtown Development Authority, Team 21, and the Owosso/Corunna Chamber of Commerce.

Billis owns Corunna Chiropractic Center in Corunna. He is the chairman of the Corunna Downtown Development Authority, but is best known for his roof top campaign to raise money for the Courthouse Christmas tree lights last year.

Running for the only open seat in first ward are incumbent Robert Ockerman, 222 S. Norton St. and Joseph P. Williams, 417 W. Oliver St.

Ockerman was appointed as first ward councilperson in 1998, to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Frank Dvorak, Jr. He is president of Quality Business Forms, Inc. in Corunna and chairperson of the Fire Board. He is also a member of the Forest Management Commission, the Softball Commission, the Economic Development Fund Board and the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency.

Williams is a former councilperson from the second ward, resigning in 1998, after moving to the first ward. Williams is employed by Shiawassee County as a 911 dispatcher. He is chairperson of the Corunna Area Ambulance Board and a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

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Halloween in the City of Corunna will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31, between the hours of 6-8 p.m. During this time, there will be a Halloween Party, for children twelve and younger, at the Community Center in McCurdy Park.

There will be hay rides, food, games, and prizes as well as a costume judging contest. If you would like to make a donation for candy & prizes, contact Corunna City Hall at 743-3650.

### Please fill out this survey and return to City Hall by November 1.

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| 1. Are you a Corunna Public Library user?  | Y | N |
| 2. Are you satisfied with the library services offered ?                                 | Y | N |
| 3. What library services would you like to see offered? _____                            |   |   |
| 4. What improvements would you like to see made to the library? _____                    |   |   |
| 5. Would you like to have refuse companies pick up resident's garbage at curbside?       | Y | N |
| 6. Would you like to have refuse companies stop picking up resident's garbage in alleys? | Y | N |
| 7. Do you use the RV dump station behind Stu Coutts pavilion?                            | Y | N |
| 8. Do you feel this service is beneficial?   | Y | N |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## From the Desk of the City Manager:

On page four of this newsletter, you will find a survey. I am asking for your input regarding the library, garbage service and the RV dumping station. There is also space for your comments. If more room is needed for your comments, use additional paper and attach it to the survey.

Please fill out the survey, cut it out, and either drop it off at City Hall, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., mail it to: City of Corunna, 402 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI, 48817, or put it in the white drop box in front of City Hall by the flag pole.

## CITY ELECTION

In second ward, incumbent Deborah F. Bendall, 1031 E. King St., will be running against Herbert O. Jenkins, 523 E. McArthur St., for the open four-year seat. Incumbent Calvin P. Hornus, 1224 E. King St., will be running against Eugene (Gene) Sanderson, 609 S. Shiawassee St., for the open two-year seat.

Bendall has been a council member for the last four years. She is employed at Memorial Healthcare, in Owosso, and is chairperson of the Library Board. She is also a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, Wastewater Management Board and the Labor Committee.

Jenkins is the former Corunna Police Chief, retiring after 31 years of service. He is employed, part-time, at Smith Janitorial, in Owosso, and is a partner in J & H Carpet Cleaning. He is a member of the Michigan Assoc. of Chiefs of Police, Central Michigan Law Enforcement Assoc., the Fraternal Order of Police, the American Legion and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Hornus was a former councilperson, but returned as an appointee to fill the vacated seat left by the resignation of Joseph P. Williams, Jr. He is the owner of Hornus Floors, in Owosso, and is a member of the

The deadline for City Hall to receive the surveys is November 1, 1999.

I will then tally the results, report your answers to council and publish the results in the Argus Press.

Your opinion is very important. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it. Thank you.



Fourth of July Commission, the Fire Board, the Historical Commission, the Building Authority and the Labor Committee.

Sanderson is retired from Midland Ross and has lived in Corunna all of his life.

In third ward, incumbent Albert O. Bayless, 201 Oak St., is running unopposed for the two-year seat and incumbent Larry E. Runyan, 409 Cherry St., will be running unopposed for the four-year seat.

Bayless was appointed to fill the term of John DeGood, in 1998. He is employed at General Motors as a design leader and is vice-chairperson for the Corunna Area Ambulance Board as well as a member of the Fire Board.

Runyan was appointed to council, in 1999, after Councilperson Martin Reid moved out of the area. He is retired from General Motors and is a member of the Cemetery Board, the Corunna Historical Commission, the Fourth of July Commission and the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency.

Residents are reminded that they can vote for mayor as well as for council members in all wards, not just the ward they live in. Absentee ballot applications are available at city hall.

## Hometown Holidays / Festival of Trees

The annual Hometown Holidays/Festival of Trees is just around the corner and this year's events promise to be bigger and better than ever!

Starting the Christmas holiday season off in grand style will be Santa as he leads the annual Christmas Parade. The parade will take place on Friday, December 3, starting at 6:00 p.m., in front of the Corunna Public Schools Administration Building on Shiawassee Street.

This year's parade will feature a float decorating contest. Area organizations or individuals are welcome to enter a float, decorated in a Christmas theme, preferably with lights, and will compete for first, second or third place plaques.

Also as a part of the parade, the Courthouse Christmas tree lights will officially be turned on and will stay on throughout the holiday season.

The parade will then continue down Corunna Ave., where it will end at McCurdy Park, signaling the official start to the Festival of Trees.



The Festival of Trees will again be located in the upper level of the McCurdy Park Community Center. Over 45 Christmas trees, sponsored by Corunna/Owosso businesses, will be decorated with hand-made ornaments made by area grade school students. There will also be nightly entertainment by local groups. You will not want to miss the model train demonstration by Saginaw Valley Hobby Train in the lower level of the community center.

The Historical Village in McCurdy Park will also be beautifully lit with luminaries and lights. All village buildings will be open to the public and decorated in period style. You will be able to drive through the village and McCurdy Park, or you can take a free survey

ride between the village and the community center. In the lower level of the center, there will be refreshments and a bake sale, with the proceeds going to help support the Historical Village.

### Dates and Times for the Festival of Trees

Friday, Dec. 3	5-9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 4	4-7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 5	5-9 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 9	5-9 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10	5-9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11	5-9 p.m.

To raise money for park decorations, the Parks & Recreation Dept. has started the "Light the Park" campaign. Individuals and groups are welcome to donate money to help pay for lights, luminaries and decorations. Checks should be made out to the Shiawassee Foundation and can be sent to Corunna City Hall, c/o Parks & Recreation Dept., 402 N. Shiawassee St., Corunna, MI, 48817.

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 11, in the lower level of the community center. There will be pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, and coffee, and a chance for children of all ages to tell Santa just what they want for Christmas. The price will be \$3.50 for all you can eat and children under five are free.

On December 12, The Parks & Rec. Dept. and the Corunna D.D.A. will sponsor a snow sculpture contest, held at various locations throughout the Corunna business district. Prizes will be awarded for the best business, family and individual creations. On that day, free survey rides will take visitors from McCurdy Park to downtown Corunna and back again.

For information on any of the events during the Hometown Holidays/Festival of Trees, contact Gary Schooley at City Hall, 743-3650. For information on the Historical Village, contact Judy Horton at 743-4995.